

Litany for the Church (adapted from *The Worshipbook*, 1970)
(See slides)

Song for Centering & Call to Prayer #469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*
Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern
The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Go Out In God's Name

*Having gathered together in God's name and been fed by God's Holy Word,
we go out in God's name bearing the peace of Christ to the world.*

- ♦ **Hymn for Commitment #66** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*
- ♦ **Charge and Benediction**
What does the Lord require of us?
To seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. (*Micah 6:8*)
May God help us live this high calling faithfully, as we strive to be good stewards of all our gifts.
Alleluia!
God has richly blessed us to be a blessing to the world in Christ's name.
Alleluia!
- ♦ **Congregational Sung Benediction #744** *Arise, Your Light Is Come*
Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
- ♦ **Postlude**

♦ Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

May 28, 2023 Pentecost



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Première Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana
삼페인 제일 장로교회에 오신것을 환영합니다.
Si vous souhaitez que le service soit traduit en français,
procurez-vous un récepteur et des écouteurs à l'arrière du sanctuaire.

Welcome to worship!

When you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of the silent prayers of those around you.

We invite you to share your contact info in the Friendship Pad when passed,
then to stop by our Welcome Center downstairs in Westminster Hall after the service for coffee and fellowship.
Mingle with other friends and guests and learn more about this congregation's ministry. **Welcome home!**

We Gather Together In God's Holy Name

God calls us together as "children." Wonderful it is to be so loved! Our natural response is worship.

Prelude

Chiming on the Hour of Tower Bell

Act of Friendship & Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Please pass the Friendship Pad and list prayer concerns on the prayer request cards in the pew.

Greeting & Announcements

Minute for Mission – Pentecost Offering

Rachel Matthews

Recognition of 2023 Graduates

♦Call to Worship (adapted from Ann Weems' *A Litany of Creation and Faith* in *Reaching for Rainbows*)

On that first morning God called us.

God called us from nothing.

Out of nothing came being.

Out of darkness came light.

Out of chaos came order.

Out of nothing came life

On that first morning God called us.

**This morning God calls us to be the people of faith in the midst
of meaninglessness.**

In the midst of meaninglessness

God calls us to meaning.

Out of brokenness

God calls us to wholeness.

Out of divisiveness

God calls us to community.

Out of tears

God calls us to laughter.

Out of self-centeredness

God calls us to love one another.

Out of unfaithfulness

God calls us to faith.

Out of death

God calls us to life.

And we will say to our children:

Come with us and worship God, who has created and is creating in our midst.

Come with us and keep covenant.

In times to come we will tell our children:

**Once we were slaves but now we are free; once we were no people
but now we are God's people.**

Out of death to resurrection, out of chaos to rebirth, out of unfaithfulness to faith –

Praise God for these wondrous gifts!

♦Hymn of Praise #260 *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our
whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your
mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

By the grace of God in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to the Offering (*We are invited to return God's tithes and give our offering.*)

Offertory – Sora Shepard

Response of Gratitude #399 *God Welcomes All*

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

We Gather Around God's Holy Word

At the center of Christian life and worship is God's Word incarnate in Christ and God's Word as
recorded in scripture. We hear the story of God's love in scripture and sacrament and we say, "Thanks be to God!"

Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination #291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (refrain)

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

Scripture *Acts 2:1-21* (NT, pg. 119)

This is the Word of the Lord./**Thanks be to God!**

Ceci est la Parole du Seigneur./**Gloire à Dieu** (pronounced "glow-ah ah dew")

Sermon *Nine O'clock in the Morning*

Rachel Matthews

We Respond to God's Word

As God invites us to be disciples of his Son, we prayerfully respond to God
with affirmations of faith and acts of self-giving, commitment, and thanksgiving.

Anthem *O Christ, Surround Me*

arr. David Sims

Announcements

This Week

Sunday, May 28

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

Monday, May 29 Office closed in observance of Memorial Day

- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, May 30

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:30 PM ELL Director Search Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 3:30 PM DREAAM Culinary Arts Club/Centennial Hall & Kitchen
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym

Wednesday, May 31

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor & Zoom

Thursday, June 1

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:30 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom

Friday, June 2 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Friday Night Lights/Zoom

Saturday, June 3

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Centennial Hall

●**We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt Matthews** or call the church office.

●**Bruce Rainey** will service as liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as a Sunday liturgist, contact **Carol Miles**. Thank you to **Brandi Lowe** for directing the Choir this morning in the absence of **Director Joe Grant**.

●Flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by **Gary and Linda Peterson** who celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary May 22.

●**Sunday School** for children is on summer break. Children are encouraged to attend church with their families. Childcare on Sunday mornings is provided for children 4 years and younger.

●**Matt Matthews** will preach today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Betty Hollister** is preaching this morning in Paxton as part of our Amateur Preacher's program.

●**If unable to attend church**, catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday at firstpres.church/live. The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.

●**Spring cleaning?** Our Community Mission Deacons are collecting **small items** for Salt & Light and Habitat's Restore. Items may be brought to the church May 30-June 3 before noon each day.

●Starting Thursday, June 8, at 11 AM in-person and via zoom *Talk With Me*, a 4-week class to learn sign language led by **Alan Thomas** and **Michael Hogue**. Be able to converse with deaf friends. If interested, text Michael at 217-841-8486.

●If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit**, contact the church office.

●Check out the **book cart** in Westminster Hall. Donate a book for others to enjoy and take some for yourself.

●The **May newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.

●Please **do not park** in the spaces marked Reserved 24/7 behind the law office on Sunday mornings. The spaces behind the law office belong to Meyer/Capel.